



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of **Tsunami Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Island chain is vulnerable to tsunami, damaging series of waves produced by earthquakes and other seismic events, due to its geographical location in the middle of the Pacific "Rim of Fire"; and

WHEREAS, locally, a total of 221 people have lost their lives to tsunami waves, making tsunami the most deadly natural disaster in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the March 11, 2011, Honshu (Tohoku) Earthquake and Tsunami has shown, once again, the devastating power of tsunami waves; killing 10,872 with over 16,244 people still missing and feared dead in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the Honshu (Tohoku) Earthquake also generated a distant tsunami strong enough to tear away piers, turn over boats, and wash homes off their foundations in Hawai'i, which is over 3,850 miles away; and

WHEREAS, emergency management agencies seek to mitigate the effects of destructive tsunami waves through community outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, we all can take steps to ensure our communities are prepared for a possible tsunami by increasing public awareness, making evacuation plans, and exercising said plans;

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2011 as

"TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the State Civil Defense and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in their mission to raise awareness about tsunami.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i